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1. On 7 May 1951, the Soviet units from Frenzlau were quartered in four adjoining camps at the Templin (N 54/U 81) troop training grounds. The individual camps consisted of weather-proof wooden barracks which primarily billeted officers, while most of the EM bivouacked. The camp of Unit Kuzmin was situated in the woods on the Havel River. The camp measured about 1 km square and contained only clearings for the wooden barracks and for assembly places. A road running due east led from the camp to the town of Vogelsang.
2. A colonel, who was the commanding officer of Unit Kuzmin, a lieutenant colonel, and supply officer Semenov were present in the unit's orderly room. The latter stated that 2,000 troops had to be provided with rations. *
3. Source later went to the camp of Unit Tsich which was situated 2 to 3 km south of Unit Kuzmin, also on the Havel River. Five 37-mm AA guns in firing position, about 30 camouflaged trucks, and 2 radio stations were seen in a clearing by the road. No EM quarters were observed in the camp of Unit Tsich but three units of about 200 men each were seen marching from the kitchen, probably to their billets. A colonel, who was the commanding officer of Unit Tsich, two lieutenant colonels, and a major were present in the unit's orderly room.
4. Some officers, especially MGB officers, had their dependents living with them in the camps. A ban on the consumption of alcoholic beverages was imposed on all troops in the training area.

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- 25X1A* Comment. Compare with a report of mid-April to 18 May 1951 by the same source in Frenzlau. The ration strength approximately equals the total strength of the three regiments carried in Frenzlau.
- 25X1A* Comment. The information on the home installations of the units who are at the Templin troop training grounds is incomplete inasmuch as components of the 6th Gds Kocz Div from Bernau and Freienwalde are also believed to be there. 25X1A

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